

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2207 - SB 2461

February 8, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Unless required by federal law, prohibits the Department of Human Services from initiating child support actions unless such person is eligible for child support services under state law. Also prohibits the department from initiating support actions for divorced or unmarried persons without a prior court determination of custody.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Jeopardizes federal funding in an amount exceeding \$33,000,000.

According to the Department of Human Services, federal rules require, as does current state law, that child support services be provided to a person not otherwise eligible for Families First, foster care, Medicaid or food stamps. This would include persons who are caretakers for a child even if they do not have legal custody. Violating federal requirements could jeopardize federal funding for child support services and/or Families First.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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